

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

November 7, 2013

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: **Mayor Donald Kasprzak**

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on October 24, 2013 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending November 6, 2013 in the amount of \$ **257,748.19** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of October 10 – November 6, 2013
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office November 5, 2013

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 562,965.46 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Tim McCormick President First Weekends committee and Vice President of Downtown Association spoke about December First Weekend events and updated Mayor and Council on First Weekends in 2014.

Rachelle Armstrong 15 Massachusetts Street spoke about First Weekends and urged the Council to approve closing the street for tree lighting.

Andrew Golt 17 Couch Street spoke about 15 Couch Street damaged by Fire on September 20th and inquired about the plans to move forward on the property. He feels it needs to be torn down.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adopt twelve bond resolutions, as per the attached records for the minutes of this meeting, as authorization to issue \$2,606,766 of debt on behalf of the City of Plattsburgh either in the form of Bond Anticipation Notes or Serial Bonds that will provide funding for capital projects adopted for completion between 2011 and 2013.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF RON DERAGON TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the closing of Brinkerhoff Street from Marion Street to Margaret Street for the First Weekend events and tree lighting on Friday, December 6, 2013 from 5pm to 8pm.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion:

Councilor Jackson thanked Tim this is actually a request that he and Jim made to diversify where First Weekends was being held so that other businesses would reap the benefit of it. And he appreciates the fact that the group moved forward and took their suggestion.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2012-20B "Survey for City Streets" be awarded to Machabee Land Surveying in the amount of \$5,300.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2013 General Fund Budget through a transfer of funding from Police payroll appropriations to Police contractual service expense appropriations as per the attached memo. The transfer will not change the total 2013 budget.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Real Property Tax Assistant Kathy Livingston to attend "Ethics and the Assessor" training in Herkimer, NY on November 22, 2013. The cost will not exceed \$530.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend the “2013 NYS Police Child Abuse & Neglect Seminar” in Albany, NY from November 12 – 15, 2013. The cost will not exceed \$40.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from New Jerusalem Baptist Church at 83 Oak Street to create a second driveway off of Oak Street. This action is not permitted per Zoning section 270-21 D but can be varied, waived or modified by ordinance by the Common Council.

Councilor Jackson asked Bill Treacy to have MLD arborist or tree crew go over and look at the health of trees.

10. NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:42 pm